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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on April 12, 2011¹, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

Since petitioner has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the delay in timely paying the maintenance fee was unintentional, the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is hereby **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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¹ A Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) was filed on March 28, 2011.